

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, May 28, 2020 5:00PM  
Morongo Basin Transit Center  
62405 Verbena Road  
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

**ZOOM Meeting ID 960 4578 7046  
ZOOM Password 195342**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Drozd called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

**ROLL CALL** - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:  
Merl Abel, Ellen Jackman, Mark Lundquist, Ben Sasnett, McArthur Wright and Jeff Drozd.  
Karmolette O'Gilvie arrived at 5:07pm.

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2.1 Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, recognized George Hallas as the Employee of the Quarter. George was hired as a Coach Operator in 2018 and exhibited a positive attitude on a daily basis.

**3.0 CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5.1 Minutes of the March 26, 2020 Board Meeting
- 5.2 Treasurer's Reports for February and March 2020
- 5.3 Warrant Register through April 30, 2020
- 5.4 Ridership Reports
- 5.5 Financial Reports
- 5.6 Administration Report
- 5.7 Operations Report
- 5.8 LCTOP Bus Stop Improvement Project

**5.9      Renewal of Pacific Western Bank Credit Line**

**ACTION:** Board Member Wright moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.9); seconded by Chairman Drozd: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**6.0      ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

**7.0      OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**8.0      NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1      Revisions of FY20 Budget**

Mark Goodale, General Manager, presented a revised budget that included Cares ACT funding, Covid-19 related costs and a decrease in projected fares.

**ACTION:** Board Member Abel moved to approve Revisions to FY20 Operating Budget; seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

**8.2      FY 2020/21 Draft MBTA Operating and Capital Budgets**

Mark Goodale provided details for items within the FY 2020/21 draft budgets. Nancy Strickert, SBCTA Transit Manager, cautioned the Board that SBCTA suspected MBTA would see a big hit to LTF resulting in a huge decrease to LTF in FY 2021/22. During the current FY, even though SBCTA was advised of the LTF numbers, they did not take any money away from Morongo Basin or any of the streets and roads to cover the decreased costs they were starting to see. That means moving forward, it would be important for MBTA to save all the money they could because in FY 2021/22, MBTA would see the steep decline from Covid-19. She felt the budget looked great as presented.

The Board provided no direction on changes.

**9.0      GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE**

Mark Goodale provided details on all the efforts being made for Covid-19, including an agreement with the Town of Yucca Valley to provide residents a free ride to the testing facility.

**10.0     FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

## **11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Lundquist thanked Cheri for walking him through how to work Zoom.

Board Member Sasnett congratulated George Hallas on Employee of the Quarter and recognized Mark and staff for their hard work on the budgets. He also extended greetings to all his colleagues.

Board Member Jackman congratulated George on Employee of the Quarter and said it was nice to see everyone, particularly Board Member O'Gilvie since this was the first time they could see her. She also thought it was interesting to see the effect Coronavirus had on just one organization and the impact to all the organizations and individuals in Morongo Basin and commended staff on the superb job that they've done.

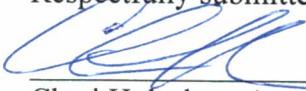
Board Member O'Gilvie encouraged MBTA staff to take advantage of the testing at the college the following week.

Chairman Jeff thanked everyone for attending; it was especially good to see Karmolette since she was new and Joe.

## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:02pm Thursday, May 28, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



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Cheri Holsclaw, Asst. Board Secretary